

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 2 December 2005, Applicant elects claims 1-25 (Group I). Applicant respectfully withdraws claims 26-51 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce claims 26-51 for reconsideration in this application upon the allowance of a linking claim or to reintroduce them in one or more divisional applications at a later date. Applicant respectfully cancels claims 52-78 (Groups III - VI) without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce claims 52-78 in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2157 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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